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SUBJ: NARCOTICS WRAP-UP

1. ILLICIT DRUG ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT MODERATE LEVELS THROUGH-  
OUT AUGUST.

2. GCOB DETECTIVE CHIEF REVIEWS SITUATION

JOHN CRAWLEY, CHIEF OF THE GCOB CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVI-  
SION, REVIEWED THE DRUG SITUATION IN THE BAHAMAS BEFORE THE  
NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE DRUG ABUSE SYMPOSIUM IN MIAMI AUGUST  
28. ASSERTING THAT PRIOR TO 1967 THERE WAS NO DRUG PROBLEM  
IN THE ISLANDS, CRAWLEY SAID THAT SINCE THAT TIME ARRESTS HAD  
RISED 80 PERCENT PER YEAR. HE BLAMED THE PROBLEM ON JAMAICAN  
SUPPLY AND U.S. DEMAND. CRAWLEY ADMITTED THAT SOME BAHAMIANS  
SERVE AS "WAREHOUSERS" OF DRUGS AND THAT SOME LOCAL PORTERS  
HAVE BEEN PAID OFF TO GET SHIPMENTS PAST BAHAMIAN CUSTOMS  
OFFICIALS. DISCUSSING PROSECUTION OF DRUG SUSPECTS, CRAWLEY  
SAID THAT "WE DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH FAITH IN JURIES, WE TAKE  
(SUSPECTS) BEFORE A MAGISTRATE WHERE WE KNOW THEY'LL BE FOUND  
GUILTY AND RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY".

3. JUDGE FINDS LOOPHOLE

ON AUGUST 23, A BAHAMIAN MAGISTRATE RELUCTANTLY FOUND A LOCAL  
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MARIJUANA PUSHER NOT GUILTY. AFTER A LENGTHY EXAMINATION OF

BAHAMIAN STATUTES, THE JUDGE RULED THAT NO OFFENSE EXISTED IF A PUSHER WAS ASKED FOR DRUGS BY A "CUSTOMER" AND HANDED THEM OVER BEFORE APPREHENSION. THE PUSHER WOULD BE GUILTY OF NEITHER POSSESSION NOR OF SOLICITING OR INCITING THE TRANSACTION. THE CASE INVOLVED AN INCIDENT AT A NASSAU GIRLS' SCHOOL. THE MAGISTRATE DISMISSED CHARGES AGAINST THE PUSHER WITH EVIDENT DISTASTE AND URGED THAT THE LAW BE AMENDED TO CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE.

4. U.S. CITIZENS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF POSSESSION OF ILLICIT DRUGS TOTALLED NINE.  
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